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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

**RE: Preliminary Lease Sale List - Request for Comments
June 6, 2023 Online Oil and Gas Lease Sale (EnergyNet.com)**

The Department has received nominations for the May 31 – June 6, 2023 online Oil and Gas Lease Sale and is requesting comments. The only action proposed at this time is the issuance of leases for possible future exploration and production of oil and gas. Before actual activity on a state lease may occur, the Department will prepare an environmental review of the proposed activity. The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation also must review and issue a permit before any actual activity can occur.

The enclosed Preliminary Lease Sale list summarizes the tracts nominated for lease. The list sorts the tracts by county, and then by legal location within the county (i.e. township, range and section). A reference map is also included. The general areas where tracts are located are identified by numbered circles, which corresponds to the map location numbers for each county on the Preliminary Lease Sale list. The final lease sale list may not include all tracts currently listed, but no tracts will be added. Lease sale tract numbers will be assigned when the final list is prepared. The final list will be distributed on or about May 8, 2023 and will also include a listing of any additional stipulations.

If you have any comments regarding the tracts on the Preliminary Lease Sale List, please submit them in writing by **April 21, 2023** to "O&G Lease Sale Comments, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana 59620-1601."

Lease sale lists, dates, and important deadlines are also available on our website at <https://dnrc.mt.gov/TrustLand/subsurface-resources/oil-gas-leasing> and on EnergyNet at https://www.energynet.com/govt_listing.pl.

If you would like your name added to our mailing list to automatically receive future information related to our oil and gas lease sales, please let us know at the above address or contact the Mineral Leasing Section at THossfeld@mt.gov or (406) 444-4576.

Sincerely,
MINERAL LEASING SECTION

Enclosure(s)